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GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 216. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, July 14, 1863.

I..All able-bodied men, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, who have heretofore been enlisted and have served for not less than nine months, have been honorably discharged, and can pass the examination required by the Mustering Regulations of the United States, may be enlisted in any Regiment they choose, new or old; and, when mustered into the United States service, will be entitled to all the benefits provided by General Orders, No. 191, for Recruiting "Veteran Volunteers."

A Regiment, Battalion, or Company shall bear the title of "Veteran" only in case at least one-half its numbers, at the time of muster into United States service, are "Veteran Volunteers."

II..The benefits provided by General Orders, 191, for Veteran Volunteers, will be extended to men who re-enlisted prior to the promulgation of that order, provided they have fulfilled the conditions therein set forth.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant General.